

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

JOHN C. COUGHENOUR  
CHIEF JUDGE

(206) 553-442

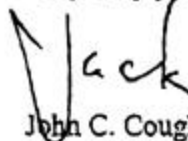
May 30, 2002

Chief Judge Edward R. Becker  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
19613 United States Courthouse  
601 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Dear Chief Judge Becker:

This letter confirms our conversation in which I indicated that the judges of the Western District of Washington have agreed to comply with the proposed law clerk hiring policy. However, I must add that our agreement is subject to reconsideration if a significant number of other judges choose not to comply with the proposed policy.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack" or "John C.", written over a horizontal line.

John C. Coughenour  
Chief U.S. District Court Judge